

CHRISTIAN FISHER

Richmond Lawyer Scores the Methods of the Former Street Railway Magnate.

MAKES AN ABLE SPEECH

Mr. Davis to Follow in Behalf of Application for Receiver, Petersburg Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., July 15.—Mr. Frank W. Christian, of counsel for the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, continued his argument in the Fisher case before Judge Mullen, of the Circuit Court, to-day. Mr. Christian was somewhat indisposed, and remained seated during a portion of his speech. His argument was a masterful exposition of both the law and the facts.

The first part of his speech was an argument on demurrer to the plaintiff's bill, for the legality of which he appeared to have but slight respect. He maintained that there was no misjoinder of plaintiff, misjoinder of defendants, misjoinder of causes of action. He stated that no trust in any mortgage of the road had been asked to take action in behalf of any bondholder, nor had there been any legal request made to directors by stockholders for protection against mismanagement.

Mr. Christian's points were fortified by numerous citations from legal authorities. After an exhaustive attack upon the legality of the plaintiff, he devoted himself to an argument upon the facts of the case, starting with a history of the properties of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, which were in the year 1890, when they were owned by Mr. Fisher and Dr. Munn. He traced the progressive degeneration of the finances of the company under the Fisher management until finally just before the adjustment agreement was made in 1900, Mr. Fisher, as shown by Mr. Sittler's affidavit, which is a part of the record in this case, that he (Fisher) had about come to the end of his resources, and that the so-called official statements of the earnings of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company were false.

PICTURESQUE AND POINTED.
Mr. Christian is no dealer in epithets, but his language concerning Mr. Fisher was sometimes rather picturesque. Mr. Christian stated that the Goulds had bought some of the bonds of the road as low as twenty-five cents on the dollar, which was more than they were worth. As to the statement in the bill that none of the consolidated mortgage bonds had been sold under 50, he said it was true, but in the case that none of the bonds had been sold at any price by these directors of the present Passenger and Power Company, whom a misstatement of earnings had induced to undertake the sale of \$200,000 of these bonds. Mr. Christian maintained that all the consolidated mortgage bonds had been sold at a price of 50 cents on the dollar, and that all the bonds for the redemption of the company, the safety of its security holders and the development of its power as an instrument for good in this part of Virginia depended upon maintaining the property under the control of its rightful owners, the Goulds, who were able and willing to use their great resources for the betterment and development of the property.

Mr. Christian will be followed by Mr. R. D. Davis, who will speak in behalf of the plaintiff.

BRIEF PETERSBURG NOTES.
It is expected that work on the diversion of the Appomattox River will begin about the 1st of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have a charming entertainment last night at the Country Club in honor of the Misses Nixon. Among the guests were Mrs. Hitchcock, Misses Bunting, Miss Gills, Miss Cihlborn, Miss Harding, Miss Stephenson, and Miss Myers; Messrs. R. P. Percey, R. B. Wilcox, J. Meade Doyle, Edwin Whitmore, Dr. D. D. Wilcox, and Dr. W. W. Smith.

The grocery store of Mr. J. T. Tench, on High Street, was this morning discovered to have been broken open, nothing, however, having been taken. Lieutenant Donahue later arrested a colored boy, Edwin Townes, well known in police circles, who confessed that he had been in the store.

Ex-Governor Cameron has returned from Old Point Comfort, where he has been visiting. Justice Butler presided in the Mayor's Court to-day, Mayor James King being out of the city.

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Mrs. Pilkinton to be Brought Here for Treatment.

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A SPLENDID FARM SOLD
Ohio Man Buys One on the Rappahannock—A Wedding in Spotsylvania.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 15.—Mr. Fred. Nussey, of Spotsylvania county, who had his arm crushed by a steam shovel a month ago and has been under treatment at the Mary Washington Hospital here, is now well under way to recovery. His life was almost despaired of. Drs. Tompkins and Chevering grafted the raw skin of a live pig and new skin is growing nicely over the raw surface, which will soon be entirely covered. This is the third attempt, the other two having failed.

Mr. John A. Armstrong, of this city, who went to a resort several weeks ago for the benefit of his health, became worse, and was taken to a hospital in Washington, where he is now in such a critical condition that his wife and sister were summoned.

The Presbyterian Sunday school, in charge of Superintendent J. Willard Adams, went in wagons to Mr. Henry Dannehl's Sulphur Spring farm, in Spotsylvania county, about three miles from this city, and spent a delightful day, which was enjoyed after the picnic fashion.

BIG FARM SOLD.
The splendid farm on the Rappahannock river, in Caroline county, about ten miles below this city, known as "Hayfield," containing over twelve hundred acres, has been sold to Mr. E. B. Ewing, of Toledo, Ohio, for a handsome price. Mr. Ewing will take charge of the property on January 1st, and contemplates making extensive improvements to the buildings and on the farm generally, which, when completed, will make it one of the handsomest estates in this section.

The fine farm near Port Conway, King George county, the former home of the late Henry V. Turner, has been sold by his heirs to Dr. J. H. Low, of Chicago, Ill. The farm is known as "Oakton Brook," and contains 67 acres. Dr. and Mrs. Low will take possession at once and begin a number of improvements on the property.

GRAVATT-EASTBURN.
Mr. H. H. Gravatt, a prominent young man of this city and Miss Nettie E. Eastburn, daughter of the late Oliver Eastburn, of Spotsylvania county, were married last night at Salem Baptist Church, in that county, near this city, at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Williams, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Mr. D. L. Gravatt, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Samuel E. Eastburn, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Gravatt came to this city and left on the night train for a bridal trip to the World's Fair and other points.

AT GORDONSVILLE.
Little Girl Very Ill With Appendicitis.
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GORDONSVILLE, VA., July 15.—The Methodist Conference of the Charlottesville District convened here this week. Rev. J. K. Martin, of New River, preached the opening sermon. Besides the regular church business brought before the assembly, addresses were made by Rev. Mr. E. J. Bledsoe, in behalf of the Methodist Orphanage of Richmond; Rev. Fletcher Campbell, of the Presbyterian Church, in behalf of the Freedmen's Bureau; and by Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Blacksville, in behalf of the school through which the State.

Ellen, the little daughter of Dr. J. B. Moore, had a sudden attack of appendicitis. An immediate operation was necessary. She was carried to the University Hospital of Charlottesville, where an operation was performed under Dr. M. Gruber, and she is now doing very well. Her mother is with her, and will remain in the city until she is able to return home.

Miss H. H. Gravatt, daughter of A. B. Martin, is quite sick at her home. Her mother is with her, and will remain in the city until she is able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastburn, of this city, are on a visit to friends and relatives here.

Miss Mary, sister of Mr. Watkins, wife of Mr. R. G. Watkins, is visiting here.

Mr. Luther Martin and Miss Stephens, of Orange, have been the guests of Mrs. A. B. Martin, who has been on a visit to Charlottesville.

AROUND WESTOVER.
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WESTOVER, VA., July 15.—Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ramsey, of Westover, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Ramsey, left yesterday for an extended northern trip. Mr. F. R. Grist, of Raleigh, N. C., who has been the guest of Mr. R. B. Knox, at "Berkeley," is for long to-day.

Threshing is in progress on most of the farms, and while yield of wheat is slightly below the average, the quality is uniformly good.

COLONIAL HISTORY.
Dr. Lyon G. Tyler Preparing a Work on English Colonization.
President Lyon G. Tyler, of the College of William and Mary, is in the city for a day on an engaged in literary work and research along historical lines. Dr. Tyler is at work in the State Library revising the manuscript of his forthcoming book, "The English in America."

This book is one of a series of thirty volumes, entitled "The American Nation," and entered the University of Virginia, is chief editor of this work, and he has enlisted the aid of the leading historians of the country. The preparation of the volumes, Harper & Brothers, of New York, will be the publishers of this series.

Dr. Tyler's contribution to this series will set forth the history of English colonization from the first attempt in 1585, under Sir Humphrey Gilbert, to 1862, when Virginia was admitted to the rule of Parliament.

President Tyler is much encouraged as to the prospects of the College of William and Mary under the new policy of the board to transfer the college to the State. Many improvements of the curriculum are being made, and all indications point to an increased attendance of students next session.

FIRST STEP TAKEN.
Contractor Prepares to Fence Capitol Building Space.
Contractor W. A. Chambers yesterday took the first step looking to work on the new Capitol building, and it consisted of the placing of some cedar posts on which to hang the wire to keep out the public during the progress of the work.

Some little moving was also done. The records of the old Board of Public Works, now a defunct body, were taken out and placed in the rooms of the Corporation Court building.

There is still some question as to what will be done with the Houdon statue of Washington. It will either be placed in a fire-proof house on the Square and carefully guarded or boxed and placed in the basement of the City Hall. The matter is in charge of a board composed of Governor Montague, Treasurer Harman and Colonel John W. Richmond.

DR. SMITH DECLINES.
Cannot Accept Foreign Mission Office—Committee to Elect.
Rev. E. B. Smith, after making a field visit to the various missions of the Foreign Board of the Presbyterian Church, declined to accept of the office of Secretary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The committee appointed by the assembly is composed of Rev. Drs. A. T. Graham, J. B. Shearer, R. Cecil, F. Campbell and R. L. Eider, A. M. Scates.

Now that Dr. Smith has declined the office, it is necessary for the assembly to elect another to fill the vacancy. The committee will meet as soon as possible to discharge this important duty.

FAILED TO QUALIFY.
Colonel Grundy Did Not File His Expense Account.
Colonel Barton D. Grundy, who was chosen at the recent election a member of the Board of Aldermen from Henry Ward, failed to file his expense account, according to law, with the clerk of the Hustings Court, within thirty days after the election.

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